by the State Governments out of their own plan funds for flood control sector and in accordance with their own priorities. The Centre renders assistance in works that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. However, due to fund constraints experienced by the State Governments, an amount of Rs. 30 crores have been provided in 8th Plan for assisting the Ganga Basin States on matching basis for undertaking critical anti erossion measures for villages, towns and monuments of national importance. During 1993-94 Rs. 1 crore was provided to Government of West Bengal as Central Assistance for undertaking critical anti erosion schemes in Nabadwip area.

Irrigation Potential of Vidarbha region

7277. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total irrigation potential of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra?

(b) how much of this is presently explited;

(c) how much of the exploited potential belongs to the State and the Central Sector; and

(d) how much money from the Central Government was given for any project during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The total ultimate irrigation potential for the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra is 22.48 lakh hectares.

(b) At the end of the June 1993 irrigation potential created was 6.26 lakh hectares.

(c) All irrigation projects are under State sector. Therefore, the entire irrigation potential is in State secto.

(d) Irrigation being the State subject, irrigation projects|schemes are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments. However, for the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development (CAD) works of Pench project, an amount of Rs. 14.02 crores was released by the Central Government.

Modernisaition of tank irrigation system in T Nadu

7278 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4199 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd April, 1994 and state:

(a) how many tanks in each district were modernised so far since the introduction of the schemes to modernise tank irrigation system in Tamil Nadu;

(b) how many hectares of agricultural land has been benefited so far in each district;

(c) whether Government will approach EEC to extend and expand this scheme to chronically drought affected districts in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the project identiled under Kerala Minor Irrigation Project so far, and where are they located;

(e) how much land will be brought under this scheme, in each district and how many farmers will be benefited; and

(f) how much more agricultural production will go up once the whole project will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Details